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Subject: Fwd: IRIS Template Protocol meeting/webinar NCEA held this week
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Nancy,

Per your request, in the message below are notes from the staff member who attended and some commentary in red from Tala regarding the IRIS webinar. The powerpoint presentation is also attached for your reference.

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Importance: High

Below are the notes from the IRIS template webinar that was requested.

Jocelyn Hospital from RAD attended the webinar. Her notes are below; they mainly discussed the **template protocol** (see bullets below).

Template

- Currently being road-tested by chemical assessment teams (nitrate/nitrite, chloroform, ethylbenzene)
- Share current version for Agency comment - Disseminate early December, due date mid-January??

HBCD

- Would like to post HBCD protocol ASAP [Tala Comment: NCEA is cognizant of our HBCD activity and has explicitly contacted us to coordinate on this; it was thought that if they has this out before we did SR, it could be a 'preview'; however, based on latest input and a lot of changes in how OPPT will be doing our SR, it will look very different and "highlight" differences across programs]
 - Reflects methods utilized in assessment (release of protocol will help "catch-up" mature assessments with respect to SR method documentation)
 - Includes list of studies considered relevant after screening [Because HBCD doesn't have a lot of data, there will most likely be high concordance in the "list of studies" between them and us, but if not, then...does it highlight again, differences across the programs? ...not sure how want to 'manage' this, as we would be holding them up if we don't want this to go out ahead of doing our SR process].

They also discussed the **IRIS handbook** (see bullets below).

- The Handbook was shared with Agency partners in late 2017- early 2018 for comments, and a briefing was held in March, 2018.
- The majority of comments were addressed through revision.
- A few comments were identified as "parking lot" issues to be addressed in Handbook updates as the procedures are tested.
- Perhaps the most contentious issue was related to describing hazards, particularly noncancer hazards (see next slides).
- A meeting with partners is scheduled for January 16th, 2018 to discuss updates to the Handbook and next steps.
- Will be disseminated for another round of Agency comment

There was a question citing the TSCA Third Party Guidance for Risk Evaluation as an example, but the question was focused on the current Administration's thoughts on the general direction of these forthcoming IRIS documents.